

**MEDICAL LABORATORY BOARD
PERSONNEL AND EDUCATION COMMITTEE**

MINUTES

Date: April 14, 2004

Time: 1:00 p.m., CDT

Location: Cumberland Room
Ground Floor, Cordell Hull Building
425 Fifth Avenue North
Nashville, TN 37247

Members Present: Linda Lahr, MT, Committee Chairperson
Thomasa Cooper, MT
Martha Duncan, MT
Sharon Hargrove, MT
Alison McDonald, CT
Debbie Stinnett, MT
Kelly Terry, MT

Members Absent: Charles Handorf, MD

Staff Present: Lynda S. England, MT, Consultant II, Director
Cheryl H. Thacker, MT, Consultant I, Administrator
Robbie Bell, Director, Health Related Boards
Robert Kraemer, Advisory Attorney

Presiding Officer: Linda Lahr, MT

Minutes: Minutes from the personnel and education committee were presented at the full Medical Laboratory Board meeting for approval.

Proceedings and Action Taken:

1. With a quorum present, Ms. Lahr called the meeting to order at 1:04 p.m.
2. Review Correspondence

The Committee reviewed information regarding distance learning degrees via electronic and Internet studies. Ms. Thacker informed the Committee members that the administrative office has received several inquiries from licensed medical laboratory technicians wishing to upgrade to medical laboratory technologists via distance learning programs. Ms. Lahr informed the Committee that she currently has two former graduates from her medical laboratory technician program who is applying for one of the on-line programs and that she would report back to the

Committee with any information she receives. Ms. Lahr also spoke with ASCP (American Society for Clinical Pathologists) who informed her that, with these programs, the baccalaureate degree has to be conferred prior to the graduate taking the national certification exam.

3. A. Review Files for Eligibility

1. Sybil C. Onwuka – Medical Technologist – General; Memphis, TN; File # 19495

Ms. Terry recused herself from this discussion and vote. Ms. Thacker informed the Committee that Ms. Onwuka was educated and clinically trained in Nigeria as a Medical Laboratory Technologist – General. She also has national certification as a Medical Laboratory Technologist – General from the American Medical Technologists (AMT), obtained through examination. The Committee discussed questions and concerns regarding Ms. Onwuka's clinical training that she received in Nigeria. Ms. Onwuka was present at the meeting and provided further information for the Committee regarding this issue. Following much discussion regarding the issue of training and work experience, the Committee requested further clarification from St. Vincent's Clinic in Nigeria, including written proof of the credentials of the Clinical Laboratory Director and clarification of the testing being performed at the clinic.

Recognizing the hardship Ms. Onwuka will have in obtaining this information from Nigeria, Ms. Hargrove made a motion to continue further review of her file until the July 14, 2004 quarterly Personnel & Education meeting with a second by Ms. Stinnett. The motion carried.

2. Analyn A. Khan – Medical Technologist – General; Lovell, Wyoming; File # 21229

Ms. Thacker informed the Committee that Ms. Khan was educated and clinically trained in the Philippines. She also has national certification as a Medical Laboratory Technologist – General with the American Medical Technologists (AMT), obtained through examination. After discussion, Ms. Hargrove motioned to approve this request for licensure. Ms. Duncan seconded the motion. The motion carried.

3. Swatiben Patel – Medical Technologist – General; Lakeland, TN; File # 21232

Ms. Thacker informed the Committee that Ms. Patel was educated and clinically trained in India. She has applied to take the American Medical Technologists Medical Laboratory Technologist – General examination, but has not yet received her eligibility letter from AMT. She has, however, received notification from AMT that there are no deficiencies with her application. Following discussion,

Ms. Terry motioned to approve a temporary license for Ms. Patel upon receipt in the administrative office of Ms. Patel's exam eligibility letter submitted directly from AMT and written notification of the exam date submitted by Ms. Patel. Ms. Duncan seconded the motion. The motion carried.

B. Medical Technologist Consultant Report

1. Ms. Lahr reported to the Committee on the status of Senate Bill 2622 regarding the requirement for continuing education for medical laboratory personnel. She reported that the Bill was on the agenda of the General Welfare Committee meeting taking place today, but it was postponed to the meeting next Wednesday, April 21, 2004. Ms. Lahr also handed out information to the Committee members regarding continuing education requirements of other states and agencies.
2. Ms. Thacker informed the Committee members that the administrative office has been receiving applications for licensure from former military applicants whose transcripts are not indicating that a degree was conferred. The term "certificate", not "degree" is noted on transcripts from several of the schools these applicants attended. Most of the applicants have met every other requirement for licensure. Ms. Stinnett offered to contact an individual who may have knowledge of an agency that evaluates military transcripts. Also, Ms. Lahr, program director of the medical laboratory technician training program at Northeast State Technical Community College, indicated that she conducts a summer seminar course which allows for the military trained applicant to receive further studies to be awarded an Associate Degree. Ms. Thacker said that she will contact other program directors across the state to see if similar programs may be available.

4. Review and ratification

A. New Licenses and Temporary Licenses (Attachment 1A & 1B)

After review, Ms. Hargrove motioned to ratify the new licenses and temporary licenses from December 4, 2003 – December 31, 2003 and from January 1, 2004 – March 30, 2004, with a second to the motion by Ms. Terry. The motion carried.

B. Reinstatements (Attachment 2A & 2B)

After review, Ms. Terry motioned to ratify the reinstatements from December 4, 2003 – December 31, 2003 and from January 1, 2004 – March 30, 2004, with a second to the motion by Ms. Hargrove. The motion carried.

C. Closed Files (Attachment 3)

After review, Ms. Terry motioned to ratify the closed files from January 1, 2004 – March 30, 2004, with a second to the motion by Ms. McDonald. The motion carried.

5. Insufficient Funds

Nothing at this time.

6. Rulemaking Update/ Jerry Kosten

There was no report at this time.

Statement of Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on July14, 2004 at 1p.m., CDT in the Cumberland Room, Ground Floor, Cordell Hull Building, 425 Fifth Avenue North, Nashville, TN 37247-1010.

Record of Adjournment

With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 2:51 p.m. on a motion properly presented by Ms. Cooper and seconded by Ms. Duncan. The motion carried.

Signature: _____

Linda Lahr, MT
Chairperson

Date: _____

**Attachment 1A
New Licenses
December 4-31, 2003**

License Number	Last Name	First Name	City	Category
12692	Allen	Delisa A.	Cleveland, TN	Supervisor-General
21111	Blaney	Kristy M.	Mt. Juliet, TN	Technologist-General
14983	Buchanan II	Wallace Nolan	Olive Branch, MS	Supervisor-General
21182	Cox	Annetha B.	Memphis, TN	Technician-General
21125	Davis	Heather L.	McMinnville, TN	Technician-General
21187	Houston	Denise C.	Walls, MS	Technician-General
21177	Jackson	Denise N.	Nashville, TN	Technologist-General
11832	Jones	David N.	Johnson City, TN	Supervisor-General
20919	Reid	Ryan E.	Spring City, TN	Technician-General
21171	Ryan	Sharon A.	Sarasota, FL	Technologist-General
21192	Sanders	Latoysa L.	Nashville, TN	S.A.-Cytogenetics
21183	Simon	Jenine A.	Shelbyville, TN	Technician-General
2793	Smith	Theresa J.	Bartlett, TN	Supervisor-General
21166	Stivers	Honey G.	Hickory Valley, TN	Technician-General

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TEMPORARY LICENSES

File #				
21145	Burnside	Jonise	Cordova, TN	Technian-General
21150	Cade	Stephanie R.	Unicoi, TN	Technian-General
21162	Oliver	Christina M.	Johnson City, TN	Technian-General
21157	Ross	Clarisa J.	Knoxville, TN	Technologist-General
21163	Russell	Bridget D.	Oliver Springs, TN	Technologist-General
21152	Wells	Jennifer D.	Church Hill, TN	Technian-General
21128	Wilson	Dovey L.	Memphis, TN	Technian-General
21161	Boss	Tammy N.	Greeneville, TN	Technian-General
21173	Cross	Heather L.	Blountville, TN	Technian-General
21151	Bittinger	Ronda L.	Clarksville, TN	Technologist-General
21188	Cochran	Sandra D.	Johnson City, TN	Technian-General
21191	Compton	Melissia L.	Fall Branch, TN	Technian-General
21156	Mynatt	Charles E.	Knoxville, TN	Technologist-General
21174	Wakefield	Mandy F.	Lafayette, TN	Technian-General

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Attachment 1B
New Licensees
January – March 2004

License Number	Last Name	First Name	City	Category
21220	Aradhyula	Surya K.	Nashville, TN	Technologist-General
21195	Bailey	Tonya L.	Middlesboro, KY	Technician-General
20687	Barnes	Kandra D.	Linden, TN	Technician-General
21169	Berry	Rebecca S.	Buda, TX	Director-Cytogenetics
21238	Bradford	Chad A.	Nashville, TN	Technologist-General
21215	Burgess	Lisa A.	Pleasant Grove, AL	Technologist-General
21150	Cade	Stephanie R.	Unicoi, TN	Technician-General
21109	Champaneria	Dinal N.	Lebanon, TN	Technologist-General
19590	Clayborn	Michelle D.	Memphis, TN	Supervisor-General
21188	Cochran	Sandra D.	Johnson City, TN	Technician-General
21230	Coleman	Anthony W.	Bowling Green, KY	Technologist-General
21185	Correa	Walter A.	Memphis, TN	S.A.-Cytogenetics
21228	Cravens	Jamie L.	Cookeville, TN	Technician-General
21173	Cross	Heather L.	Blountville, TN	Technician-General
21208	Duvall	Sarah M.	Augusta, GA	Technologist-General
20430	Edgman	Rebecca A.	Paris, TN	Technologist-General
2652	Farabee	Earl B.	Memphis, TN	Supervisor-Chemistry
10909	Farr	Shelli D.	Cordova, TN	Supervisor-General
21193	Green	Linda J.	Brentwood, TN	Supervisor-General
2893	Gudger	Glenda F.	Kimball, TN	Technologist-General
11346	Harmon	Kimberly S.	Knoxville, TN	Supervisor-General
21153	Henson	Freida E.	Morganton, GA	Technician-General
21237	Holcombe	Kimberly A.	Waterloo, AL	Technician-General
21206	Hoskins	Elisha L.	Arlington, TN	S.A.-Cytotechnology
21214	Johnson	LaTara T.	Southaven, MS	Technologist-General
13945	Jordan	Tammy G.	Memphis, TN	Supervisor-General
21190	Kapla	Jodi M.	Plover, WI	Technologist-General
21239	Karas	Katherine M.	Omaha, NE	Technologist-General
20409	Kirn-Barker	Stacy L.	Kingsport, TN	Supervisor-General
21213	Longworth	Edward E.	Middlesboro, KY	Technologist-General
18140	Matthews	Denise L.	Memphis, TN	Supervisor-General
21028	Mitchell	Heather D.	Knoxville, TN	Technologist-General
20995	Morgan	Sherry L.	Memphis, TN	Technician-General
21210	Nowicki	Kristine	Murfreesboro, TN	Technologist-General
21202	Park	Travis W.	Elizabethton, TN	Technologist-General
21186	Patel	Dipak R.	Clarksville, TN	Technologist-Immunohematology
19123	Patterson	Adina A.	Ooltewah, TN	Technologist-General
21225	Phillips	Linnea M.	Fairview, TN	Technician-General
21200	Roach	Gina M.	Hendersonville, TN	S.A.-Cytogenetics
15039	Seay	Christopher H.	Memphis, TN	Supervisor-General
21207	Sheffield	Leigh A.	Hendersonville, TN	S.A.-Cytogenetics

21216	Singleton	David H.	Valdosta, GA	Technologist-General
21172	Sinha	Suniti	Germantown, TN	Technician-General
21184	Smith	Selena R.	Pooler, GA	Technologist-General
21198	Smith	Veronica J.	Stephens City, VA	S.A.-Cytotechnology
11314	Stamps	Leigh Ann	Hendersonville, TN	Technologist-General
15112	Szklarski	Bryan C.	Smyrna, TN	Supervisor-General
21218	Tabb	Jane	Bowling Green, KY	Technologist-General
21126	Thompson	Betty J.	Cordova, TN	Supervisor-General
21211	Trotter	Amy E.	Gallatin, TN	Technologist-General
21191	Tweed	Melissia L.	Fall Branch, TN	Technician-General
20692	Vatter	Heather A.	Knoxville, TN	Technologist-General
21212	Walker	Susan A.	Chickamauga, GA	Technician-General
21209	Wasson	Judith R.	Dickson, TN	Technologist-General
21164	Wells	Amy E.	Nashville, TN	S.A.-Cytogenetics
21152	Wells	Jennifer D.	Church Hill, TN	Technician-General
4347	Westbrooks	Bobbie J.	Memphis, TN	Supervisor-General
21242	Wheeler	Amanda R.	Hixson, TN	Technologist-General
21217	Wilson	Lisa K.	Franklin, TN	Supervisor-General
21175	Workman	Deanna C.	Baxter, TN	Technician-General
13994	Wright	Christopher S.	Collierville, TN	Supervisor-General

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TEMPORARY LICENSES

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21197	Taylor	Tanisha V.	Nashville, TN	Technologist-General
21199	Davis	Misty A.	Knoxville, TN	Technologist-General
21196	Marlow	Sara J.	Knoxville, TN	Technologist-General
21204	Ross	Jennifer L.	Marked Tree, AR	Technologist-General
21219	Mears	Lisa A.	Carthage, TN	Technician-General
21223	Casey	Pennie S.	Cookeville, TN	Technician-General
21221	West	Tanya S.	Bloomington Springs, TN	Technician-General
21222	Miller	Stephanie R.	Adamsville, TN	Technician-General

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**Attachment 2A
Reinstatements
December 4-31, 2003**

License Number	Last Name	First Name	City	Category
2254	Blissett	Dorothy V.	Boones Mill, VA	Technologist-General
19213	Cox	Russell S.	Byhalia, MS	Supervisor-Chemistry
18009	Crye	Tamera Watson	Crossville, TN	Technician-General
7278	Levy	Layne C.	Memphis, TN	Technologist-General
*11770	Moon	Gina Marie	Bartlett, TN	Technician-General
19348	Richter	Kathleen M.	Cordova, TN	S.A.-Cytotechnology
19088	Waldum	Jonathan T.	Austin, TX	Supervisor-General

***Reactivate Retired License**

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**Attachment 2B
Reinstatements
January – March 2004**

License Number	Last Name	First Name	City	Category
8928	Barnett	Russell R.	Athens, TN	Technician-General
*19528	Blanchard	Karena S.	Goodlettsville, TN	Technologist-General
20083	Boling	Sonya K.	Maryville, TN	Technician-General
*2297	Brown	Junior L.	Shelbyville, TN	Supervisor-General
*13496	Butler	James N.	Laverne, TN	Technician-General
6894	Castleman	Terrie M.	Chattanooga, TN	Technologist-General
20200	Crabtree	Kimberly R.	Allardt, TN	Technician-General
*10656	Crawford	Debbie S.	Kingsport, TN	Technologist-General
19041	Edwards	Donna	Falkner, MS	Technician-General
11866	Geiser	Terri Doan	Knoxville, TN	Technologist-General
14523	Greene	Michael R.	Jonesborough, TN	Technician-General
14186	Higgenbotham	Karen A.	Cookeville, TN	Technician-General
12326	Hitz	John R.	Mt.Juliet, TN	Director-Microbiology
19955	Hogan	Jacqueline L.	Memphis, TN	S.A.-Cytotechnology
13716	Kirk	Michael J.	Johnson City, TN	Supervisor-General
10658	Marshall	Teresa D.	Murfreesboro, TN	Technician-General
*18065	Payne	Stacey D.	Copperhill, TN	Technician-General
18623	Petersen	Scott X.	Fletcher, NC	Technologist-General
14864	Pharris	Kathy	Maryville, TN	Technician-General
3415	Shane	Thomas T.	Memphis, TN	Technologist-General
10695	Shoaf	Patricia S.	Mt.Juliet, TN	Technician-General
10216	Shryock	Jeannie L.	Elizabethton, TN	Technician-General
2279	Wallace	Janice G.	Lebanon, TN	Technologist-General
20765	Walsh	V. Adrienne	Franklin, TN	Technologist-General
*5741	Webb	Robert M.	Cookeville, TN	Technician-General
19800	Webster	Luanda R.	Memphis, TN	Technician-General
14820	Williams	Jon G.	Nashville, TN	Technologist-General
5807	Wilson	Darius Y.	Memphis, TN	Supervisor-General
14604	Yarbrough	Lynne B.	Chattanooga, TN	Technologist-General

***Reactivate Retired License**

TOTAL REINSTATEMENTS 1ST QUARTER 2004: 29

**Attachment 3
Closed Files
January – March 2004**

File Number	Last Name	First Name	City	Category
21014	Ganapathy	Radha	Morristown, TN	Technologist-Microbiology
20958	Martin	Holland S.	Murfreesboro, TN	Technologist-General

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